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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated **July 14, 2003**, Applicants elect Species J of Figure 18, corresponding to claims 23-36 and 39-44, with traverse. The Restriction Requirement is traversed because Species J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R and S should have been grouped together. While claims 23-36 and 39-44 correspond to Species J, they also correspond to all of the above species as well.

Respectfully submitted

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